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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer, there should be no restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel. The MOU must be amended!

PLEASE NOTE:

Presently, I live in Alabama and require an unusual medication that I can only get from a Wisconsin pharmacy. If this MOU stands, YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT I CAN NO LONGER RECEIVE MY MEDICATION! WHAT WILL I DO THEN? TO WHOM WILL I TURN? WHAT WILL OTHERS DO WHO ARE IN THE SAME POSITION?

PLEASE, AMEND THE MOU!

Thank you for listening to me and others who are in the same position. We need your help and we need it NOW!

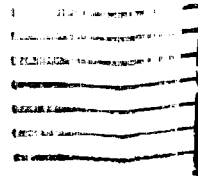
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